



Boston City Council
Committee on Public Safety
Stephen J. Murphy, Chair

October 20, 2010

Dear Councillors:

The Boston City Council's Committee on Public Safety to which was referred, on April 28, 2010 – August 4, 2010 – August 25, 2010 – September 15, 2010 and September 29, 2010 [respectively]:

Docket # 0592 - *Message and order authorizing the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to accept & expend a grant of \$400,000.00 from the Federal Government under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 for Assurance Planning for the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management.*

Docket # 1076 - *Message and order authorizing the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to accept & expend a grant of \$11,651,680.00 from DHS, UASI Grant FY 2009 to address the unique, planning, training, exercise, equipment and operational needs of large urban areas.*

Docket #1078 - *Message and order authorizing the City to accept & expend a grant of \$1,400,000.00 from various Government Agencies, including FEMA, as reimbursement for expenses incurred due to storms & flooding in March & April 2010.*

Docket # 1079 - *Message and order authorizing the City to accept & expend a grant of \$1,378,249.00 from DHS for the purpose of catastrophic planning within the designated region, including the Boston Urban Area, Providence Urban Area, Commonwealth of Mass, State of New Hampshire and Rhode Island.*

Docket # 1081 - *Message and order authorizing the Fire Academy to establish in accordance with General Law Ch.44, Sec. 53E1/2 a revolving fund to accept from the fund up to max of \$200,000.00 for purpose of purchasing training equipment, certifying instructors, updating facilities and providing funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted for.*

Docket # 1145 - *Message and order authorizing the Fire Department to accept & expend a Port Security Program Grant of \$1,180,257.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Executive Office of Public Safety & Security for construction of CBRNE Watercraft.*

Docket # 1146 - *Message and order authorizing the Public Health Commission to accept & expend a grant of \$750,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs FY 2009 Discretionary Grant Programs, for the purpose of violence intervention & prevention in the City.*

Docket # 1147 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend \$300,000.00 of the FY 2010 ICAC Program award, from the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, to identify child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, provide services and support for them & investigate & prosecute cases against adults who exploit children and youth.*

Docket # 1224 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$ 904,932.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the FY 09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds for supporting crime prevention & law enforcement.*

Docket # 1225 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept & expend a grant of \$307,967.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2010 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program.*

Docket # 1226 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend the FY 2010 (VAWA) STOP grant of \$43,560.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to support the BPD's Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate.*

Docket # 1351 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$749,828.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance funded under the FY 2010 Second Chance Act Prisoner Re-entry Initiative for the purpose of funding the Boston Re-entry Partnership Initiative.*

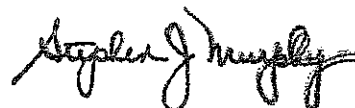
Docket # 1352 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$175,000.00 from the FY 2010 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance funded under the FY 2010 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program.*

Docket # 1353 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expand a grant of \$172,574.00 from the FY 2010 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Formula funded by the National Institute of Justice.*

Docket # 1354 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$80,000.00 from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grants Program funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs passed through from the Massachusetts State Police.*

Docket # 1355 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$75,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the purpose of supporting law enforcement response to human trafficking.*

having considered the same, I respectfully recommend that these matters ought to pass.



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FIREBOAT GRANT

The grant order before you will authorize the fire department to accept a \$1,180,257.00 Federal FY08 grant from the Comm of Mass, Exec Office of Public Safety, Port Security Program Grant for the purchase of a new fireboat with Chemical, Biological Radiological and Nuclear Explosive (CBRNE). The council previously received and approved a Federal FY07 grant from the same source for the new fireboat in the amount of \$820,743. Total of both grants is \$2,001,000.29.

Since then the new fireboat has been publicly bid and a contract awarded to Metalcraft Marine of Kingston, Ontario, Canada for \$3,816,095. Total cost for the boat is \$4,003,300 (\$3,816,015 for construction and \$186,920 for a construction management services contract with John Fortier of Waterville, ME which was publicly advertised as well.)

The remaining \$2,002,015 million will be funded with city capital funds. Delivery of the new fireboat is scheduled for August, 2011

The new fireboat will be a high speed aluminum vessel with a maximum speed of 35 knots (approximately 40 MPH) and will be capable of pumping 12,000 gallons of water per minute. "The new fireboat will be more than twice as fast as the existing primary fireboat, the FIREFIGHTER, and will be able to pump twice as much water "it will also have state of the art navigation systems as well as water jet propulsion and as previously stated is designed to operate in a chemical or biological contaminated environment. (to quote Commissioner Fraser, This boat is light years ahead of the current fireboat and will greatly enhance our response capability anywhere in Boston Harbor.)

The new fireboat will be 69 feet long, and as previously noted, will be built by Metalcraft Marine. Metalcraft Marine specializes in designing and building high speed custom aluminum work boats and has recently built fireboats for Seattle WA, Tampa, FL, Miami, FL, Jacksonville, FL and the State of Rhode Island

The vessel will be named "JOHN S. DAMRELL" after the former Chief Engineer of the Boston Fire Department who battled Boston's Great Fire of 1872 and who later became Boston's first Inspector of Buildings during the 1880's. Damrell was instrumental in bringing great improvements to the fire service as well as being instrumental in creating modern building codes at the national level

Current fireboat was built in 1972 (38 years in service built by Gladding and Hearn in Dartmouth, MA) was recently repaired at cost of \$155,300 at Fairhaven Shipyard, CT and back in service as of August 10th.

The smaller fireboat the Norman Knight is currently being serviced. Ultimately the Norman Knight will be surplus.

Current fireboat, the Firefighter is 72 ft. long, has 6,000 GPM capability and speed of 8 knots (just over 9 mph)

